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In re application of :
Takahiro NAGAI et al. : Docket No. 2000-0557A
Serial No. 09/560,563 : Group Art Unit 2715
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APPARATUS, METHOD FOR RECORDING,
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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents,
Washington, D.C.

Sir:

Prior to examination of the above-referenced U.S. patent application, kindly amend the application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel claims 40-45 without prejudice or disclaimer of the subject matter thereof.

Please add the following new claims:

74. An optical disk comprising:

a first area formed in a form of stripe along a circumferential direction, said first area comprising an area from which a signal lowered in quantity of reflected light is obtained intermittently; and

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